



INCLUDES CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES FOR AREAS PLUS LABOR MARKET REVIEWS FOR THE STATE  
AND THE ST. LOUIS, KANSAS CITY, AND SPRINGFIELD MSA'S

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employment up by 22,000 to 265,600 jobs. Manufacturing employment increased by 1600 jobs, primarily because of the end of some model changeover layoffs in the auto industry. Construction, trade, and the service industries experienced small seasonal drops in employment. Compared to a year ago, the payroll employment estimate lags far behind the growth displayed by total (household) employment, having grown by only 9100 jobs.

## NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND LABOR MARKET CONDITIONS

Economic growth accelerated in the third quarter, seemingly confirming the pickup in economic activity that

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Statewide Employment (in millions)

Statewide Unemployment Rate (Percent)

Table 1  
MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY  
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

| COUNTY/LABOR<br>MARKET AREA | CURRENT MONTH - SEP 1985<br>(PRELIMINARY) |         |        |      | PREVIOUS MONTH - AUG 1985<br>(REVISED) |         |        |      | ONE YEAR AGO - SEP 1984<br>(BENCHMARKED 1984) |         |        |      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|----------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|-----------------------------------------------|---------|--------|------|
|                             | CLF                                       | EMP     | UNEMP  | RATE | CLF                                    | EMP     | UNEMP  | RATE | CLF                                           | EMP     | UNEMP  | RATE |
| STATEWIDE                   | 2507404                                   | 2365085 | 142319 | 5.7  | 2500841                                | 2343193 | 157648 | 6.3  | 2396449                                       | 2249458 | 146991 | 6.1  |
| ST. LOUIS MSA               | 1196761                                   | 1114449 | 82312  | 6.9  | 1207457                                | 1115222 | 92235  | 7.6  | 1168600                                       | 1082801 | 85799  | 7.3  |
| KANSAS CITY MSA             | 763381                                    | 731141  | 32240  | 4.2  | 774079                                 | 736806  | 37273  | 4.8  | 737485                                        | 702091  | 35394  | 4.8  |
| SPRINGFIELD MSA             | 121387                                    | 115937  | 5450   | 4.5  | 120277                                 | 114682  | 5595   | 4.7  | 118945                                        | 113272  | 5673   | 4.8  |
| COLUMBIA MSA                | 65170                                     | 62879   | 2291   | 3.5  | 62823                                  | 60565   | 2258   | 3.6  | 59891                                         | 57738   | 2153   | 3.6  |
| JOPLIN MSA                  | 64426                                     | 60709   | 3717   | 5.8  | 63311                                  | 59496   | 3815   | 6.0  | 58423                                         | 54933   | 3490   | 6.0  |
| ST. JOSEPH MSA              | 41595                                     | 38840   | 2755   | 6.6  | 42346                                  | 39363   | 2983   | 7.0  | 42617                                         | 39215   | 3402   | 8.0  |
| ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA          | 16204                                     | 15570   | 634    | 3.9  | 15702                                  | 14926   | 776    | 4.9  | 15820                                         | 15045   | 775    | 4.9  |
| ANDREW                      | 6849                                      | 6583    | 266    | 3.9  | 6607                                   | 6274    | 333    | 5.0  | 6545                                          | 6162    | 383    | 5.9  |
| ATCHISON                    | 4455                                      | 4279    | 176    | 4.0  | 4159                                   | 3763    | 396    | 4.7  | 4456                                          | 4150    | 306    | 6.9  |
| AUDRAIN                     | 11638                                     | 10899   | 739    | 6.3  | 11375                                  | 10559   | 816    | 7.2  | 11276                                         | 10592   | 684    | 6.1  |
| BARRY                       | 12981                                     | 12311   | 670    | 5.2  | 12814                                  | 12126   | 688    | 5.4  | 11583                                         | 11013   | 570    | 4.9  |
| BARTON                      | 5374                                      | 5220    | 154    | 2.9  | 5358                                   | 5170    | 188    | 3.5  | 5100                                          | 4964    | 136    | 2.7  |
| BATES                       | 8151                                      | 7780    | 371    | 4.6  | 7859                                   | 7500    | 359    | 4.6  | 7796                                          | 7451    | 345    | 4.4  |
| BENTON                      | 6065                                      | 5707    | 358    | 5.9  | 5944                                   | 5623    | 321    | 5.4  | 5591                                          | 5262    | 329    | 5.9  |
| BOLLINGER                   | 3171                                      | 2828    | 343    | 10.8 | 3104                                   | 2675    | 429    | 13.8 | 3135                                          | 2762    | 373    | 11.9 |
| BUTLER                      | 18107                                     | 16772   | 1335   | 7.4  | 17384                                  | 15905   | 1479   | 8.5  | 16832                                         | 15502   | 1330   | 7.9  |
| CALDWELL                    | 3726                                      | 3532    | 194    | 5.2  | 3474                                   | 3313    | 161    | 4.6  | 3775                                          | 3597    | 178    | 4.7  |
| CALLAWAY                    | 19659                                     | 18632   | 1027   | 5.2  | 19404                                  | 18200   | 1204   | 6.2  | 18710                                         | 17404   | 1306   | 7.0  |
| CAMDEN                      | 17134                                     | 16401   | 733    | 4.3  | 17698                                  | 17049   | 649    | 3.7  | 13878                                         | 13219   | 659    | 4.7  |
| CAPE GIRARDEAU              | 34684                                     | 33268   | 1416   | 4.1  | 32438                                  | 31035   | 1403   | 4.3  | 31233                                         | 29690   | 1543   | 4.9  |
| CARROLL                     | 4880                                      | 4653    | 227    | 4.7  | 4785                                   | 4539    | 246    | 5.1  | 4732                                          | 4480    | 252    | 5.3  |
| CARTER                      | 3175                                      | 2828    | 347    | 10.9 | 3033                                   | 2681    | 352    | 11.6 | 2698                                          | 2390    | 308    | 11.4 |
| CEDAR                       | 4764                                      | 4399    | 365    | 7.7  | 4736                                   | 4328    | 408    | 8.6  | 4513                                          | 4221    | 292    | 6.5  |
| CHARITON                    | 5494                                      | 5157    | 337    | 6.1  | 5235                                   | 4925    | 310    | 5.9  | 5162                                          | 4839    | 323    | 6.3  |
| CLARK                       | 3761                                      | 3531    | 230    | 6.1  | 3564                                   | 3324    | 240    | 6.7  | 3346                                          | 3149    | 197    | 5.9  |
| CLINTON                     | 7649                                      | 7324    | 325    | 4.2  | 7618                                   | 7173    | 445    | 5.8  | 7497                                          | 7131    | 366    | 4.9  |
| COLE/OSAGE LMA              | 39926                                     | 38003   | 1923   | 4.8  | 39802                                  | 37761   | 2121   | 5.3  | 37131                                         | 34806   | 2325   | 6.3  |
| COOPER                      | 7670                                      | 7291    | 379    | 4.9  | 7230                                   | 6778    | 452    | 6.3  | 7177                                          | 6832    | 345    | 4.8  |
| CRAWFORD                    | 8075                                      | 7546    | 529    | 6.6  | 8109                                   | 7551    | 558    | 6.9  | 7467                                          | 6939    | 528    | 7.1  |
| DADE                        | 4097                                      | 3915    | 182    | 4.4  | 3924                                   | 3740    | 184    | 4.7  | 3949                                          | 3821    | 128    | 3.2  |
| DALLAS                      | 5198                                      | 4848    | 350    | 6.7  | 5156                                   | 4797    | 359    | 7.0  | 4750                                          | 4454    | 296    | 6.2  |
| DAVIESS                     | 3356                                      | 3203    | 153    | 4.6  | 3292                                   | 3101    | 191    | 5.8  | 3150                                          | 2989    | 161    | 5.1  |
| DEKALB                      | 3910                                      | 3747    | 163    | 4.2  | 3825                                   | 3634    | 191    | 5.0  | 3413                                          | 3252    | 161    | 4.7  |
| DENT                        | 6525                                      | 6045    | 480    | 7.4  | 6472                                   | 5999    | 473    | 7.3  | 5951                                          | 5358    | 593    | 10.0 |
| DOUGLAS                     | 4983                                      | 4449    | 534    | 10.7 | 4948                                   | 4419    | 529    | 10.7 | 4683                                          | 4201    | 482    | 10.3 |
| DUNKLIN                     | 13793                                     | 12538   | 1255   | 9.1  | 13152                                  | 11854   | 1298   | 9.9  | 13568                                         | 12369   | 1199   | 8.8  |
| GASCONADE                   | 7562                                      | 7294    | 268    | 3.5  | 7472                                   | 7076    | 396    | 5.3  | 7221                                          | 6754    | 467    | 6.5  |
| GENTRY                      | 4289                                      | 4187    | 102    | 2.4  | 4286                                   | 4162    | 124    | 2.9  | 4025                                          | 3887    | 138    | 3.4  |
| GRUNDY                      | 5621                                      | 5302    | 319    | 5.7  | 5385                                   | 5020    | 365    | 6.8  | 5202                                          | 4921    | 281    | 5.4  |
| HARRISON                    | 5629                                      | 5399    | 230    | 4.1  | 5420                                   | 5211    | 209    | 3.9  | 5226                                          | 5006    | 220    | 4.2  |
| HENRY                       | 10545                                     | 9863    | 682    | 6.3  | 10225                                  | 9546    | 679    | 6.6  | 9817                                          | 9380    | 437    | 4.5  |
| HICKORY                     | 2991                                      | 2835    | 156    | 5.2  | 2811                                   | 2640    | 171    | 6.1  | 2547                                          | 2404    | 143    | 5.6  |
| HOLT                        | 3782                                      | 3695    | 87     | 2.3  | 3666                                   | 3526    | 140    | 3.8  | 3625                                          | 3467    | 158    | 4.4  |
| HOWARD                      | 5142                                      | 4868    | 274    | 5.3  | 5019                                   | 4631    | 388    | 7.7  | 4628                                          | 4431    | 197    | 4.3  |
| HOWELL                      | 13778                                     | 12778   | 1000   | 7.3  | 13722                                  | 12479   | 1243   | 9.1  | 13289                                         | 12092   | 1197   | 9.0  |
| IRON                        | 3800                                      | 3319    | 481    | 12.7 | 3828                                   | 3303    | 525    | 13.6 | 4472                                          | 3630    | 842    | 18.8 |
| JOHNSON                     | 17655                                     | 17121   | 534    | 3.0  | 16019                                  | 15378   | 641    | 4.0  | 16182                                         | 15641   | 541    | 3.3  |
| KNOX                        | 2453                                      | 2322    | 131    | 5.3  | 2435                                   | 2283    | 152    | 6.2  | 2451                                          | 2281    | 170    | 6.9  |
| LACLEDE                     | 12618                                     | 11628   | 990    | 7.8  | 12286                                  | 11141   | 1145   | 9.3  | 11170                                         | 10385   | 785    | 7.0  |
| LAWRENCE                    | 13581                                     | 12738   | 843    | 6.2  | 13241                                  | 12362   | 879    | 6.6  | 12267                                         | 11511   | 756    | 6.2  |

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|                             | CLF                                       | EMP   | UNEMP | RATE | CLF                                    | EMP   | UNEMP | RATE | CLF                                           | EMP   | UNEMP | RATE |
| LEWIS                       | 6283                                      | 5794  | 489   | 7.8  | 6027                                   | 5549  | 478   | 7.9  | 5582                                          | 5170  | 412   | 7.4  |
| LINCOLN                     | 11858                                     | 11129 | 729   | 6.1  | 11560                                  | 10803 | 1157  | 9.7  | 10362                                         | 9643  | 719   | 6.9  |
| LINN                        | 8074                                      | 7466  | 608   | 7.5  | 7883                                   | 7332  | 551   | 7.0  | 7709                                          | 7089  | 620   | 8.0  |
| LIVINGSTON                  | 7093                                      | 6769  | 324   | 4.6  | 6330                                   | 6433  | 367   | 5.4  | 6746                                          | 6297  | 449   | 6.7  |
| MACON                       | 8032                                      | 6940  | 1092  | 13.6 | 7396                                   | 6905  | 491   | 6.6  | 7103                                          | 6679  | 424   | 6.0  |
| MADISON                     | 3655                                      | 3549  | 306   | 7.9  | 3751                                   | 3407  | 344   | 9.2  | 3753                                          | 3403  | 350   | 9.3  |
| MARIES                      | 3327                                      | 3109  | 218   | 6.6  | 3017                                   | 2784  | 233   | 7.7  | 2588                                          | 2331  | 287   | 11.1 |
| MARION/RALLS LMA            | 19428                                     | 18002 | 1426  | 7.3  | 19426                                  | 18137 | 1289  | 6.6  | 18474                                         | 17158 | 1316  | 7.1  |
| MCDONALD                    | 6117                                      | 5644  | 473   | 7.7  | 5893                                   | 5497  | 396   | 6.7  | 5859                                          | 5476  | 383   | 6.5  |
| MERCER                      | 1839                                      | 1736  | 103   | 5.6  | 1753                                   | 1663  | 90    | 5.1  | 1904                                          | 1838  | 66    | 3.5  |
| MILLER                      | 11808                                     | 11118 | 690   | 5.8  | 12059                                  | 11389 | 690   | 5.7  | 10864                                         | 10104 | 760   | 6.8  |
| MISSISSIPPI                 | 7242                                      | 6576  | 706   | 9.7  | 7128                                   | 6441  | 687   | 9.6  | 6668                                          | 6031  | 637   | 9.6  |
| MONITEAU                    | 5103                                      | 4753  | 350   | 6.9  | 4921                                   | 4556  | 365   | 7.4  | 4933                                          | 4531  | 402   | 8.1  |
| MONROE                      | 5060                                      | 4861  | 199   | 3.9  | 5000                                   | 4729  | 271   | 5.4  | 4956                                          | 4743  | 213   | 4.3  |
| MONTGOMERY                  | 5544                                      | 5127  | 417   | 7.5  | 5531                                   | 5079  | 452   | 8.2  | 5237                                          | 4933  | 304   | 5.8  |
| MORGAN                      | 6408                                      | 5877  | 531   | 8.3  | 6474                                   | 5947  | 527   | 8.1  | 6142                                          | 5656  | 486   | 7.9  |
| NEW MADRID                  | 12274                                     | 11359 | 895   | 7.2  | 11970                                  | 10946 | 1024  | 8.6  | 11053                                         | 11036 | 817   | 6.9  |
| NOBLES                      | 11593                                     | 11186 | 407   | 3.5  | 10752                                  | 10411 | 341   | 3.2  | 10535                                         | 10214 | 321   | 3.0  |
| OREGON                      | 3125                                      | 2897  | 228   | 7.3  | 3084                                   | 2794  | 290   | 9.4  | 3128                                          | 2824  | 304   | 9.7  |
| OZARK                       | 4624                                      | 4353  | 271   | 5.9  | 4693                                   | 4424  | 269   | 5.7  | 4488                                          | 4180  | 308   | 6.9  |
| FEMISCOT                    | 8983                                      | 8278  | 710   | 7.9  | 8623                                   | 7788  | 835   | 9.7  | 8570                                          | 7686  | 884   | 10.3 |
| FERRY                       | 7759                                      | 7340  | 419   | 5.4  | 7743                                   | 7317  | 431   | 5.6  | 7157                                          | 6738  | 419   | 5.9  |
| PETTIS                      | 18517                                     | 17313 | 1204  | 6.5  | 18046                                  | 16742 | 1305  | 7.2  | 16865                                         | 15727 | 1138  | 6.7  |
| PHELPS                      | 16424                                     | 15616 | 808   | 4.9  | 15800                                  | 14986 | 814   | 5.2  | 15670                                         | 14756 | 904   | 5.8  |
| PIKE                        | 7304                                      | 6744  | 560   | 7.7  | 7047                                   | 6426  | 621   | 8.8  | 7170                                          | 6514  | 656   | 9.1  |
| POLK                        | 9751                                      | 9069  | 682   | 7.0  | 9253                                   | 8566  | 687   | 7.4  | 8731                                          | 8145  | 486   | 5.6  |
| PULASKI                     | 9339                                      | 9207  | 632   | 6.4  | 9737                                   | 9111  | 626   | 6.4  | 8898                                          | 8296  | 602   | 6.6  |
| PUTNAM                      | 2909                                      | 2832  | 77    | 2.6  | 2823                                   | 2710  | 113   | 4.0  | 3064                                          | 2914  | 150   | 4.9  |
| RANDOLPH                    | 12910                                     | 12095 | 815   | 6.3  | 12705                                  | 11875 | 830   | 6.5  | 11361                                         | 10772 | 609   | 5.4  |
| REYNOLDS                    | 2195                                      | 1883  | 312   | 14.2 | 2211                                   | 1878  | 333   | 15.1 | 2362                                          | 2063  | 299   | 12.7 |
| RIPLEY                      | 3663                                      | 3298  | 365   | 10.0 | 3431                                   | 3064  | 367   | 10.7 | 3251                                          | 2932  | 319   | 9.8  |
| SALINE                      | 14883                                     | 14259 | 624   | 4.2  | 14752                                  | 14135 | 617   | 4.2  | 13757                                         | 13103 | 654   | 4.8  |
| SCOTLAND                    | 2647                                      | 2565  | 82    | 3.1  | 2554                                   | 2427  | 127   | 5.0  | 2467                                          | 2361  | 106   | 4.3  |
| SCOTT                       | 18416                                     | 16993 | 1421  | 7.7  | 17865                                  | 16363 | 1502  | 8.4  | 17476                                         | 16082 | 1394  | 8.0  |
| SHANNON                     | 2708                                      | 2352  | 356   | 13.1 | 2717                                   | 2334  | 383   | 14.1 | 3107                                          | 2757  | 350   | 11.3 |
| SHELBY                      | 3659                                      | 3508  | 151   | 4.1  | 3472                                   | 3348  | 124   | 3.6  | 3386                                          | 3243  | 143   | 4.2  |
| ST. CLAIR                   | 4093                                      | 3914  | 179   | 4.4  | 3806                                   | 3667  | 139   | 5.6  | 3923                                          | 3731  | 192   | 4.9  |
| ST. FRANCOIS                | 20334                                     | 18489 | 1845  | 9.1  | 20474                                  | 18453 | 2021  | 9.9  | 20364                                         | 18449 | 1915  | 9.4  |
| STE. GENEVIEVE              | 6577                                      | 6124  | 453   | 6.9  | 6469                                   | 6037  | 432   | 6.7  | 5607                                          | 5299  | 308   | 6.8  |
| STODDARD                    | 13714                                     | 12820 | 894   | 6.5  | 13356                                  | 12309 | 1047  | 7.8  | 12676                                         | 11588 | 1088  | 8.6  |
| STONE                       | 10074                                     | 9479  | 595   | 5.9  | 10478                                  | 9879  | 599   | 5.7  | 8525                                          | 8011  | 514   | 6.0  |
| SULLIVAN                    | 3580                                      | 3373  | 207   | 5.6  | 3450                                   | 3212  | 238   | 6.9  | 3503                                          | 3332  | 171   | 4.9  |
| TANEY                       | 19482                                     | 18797 | 685   | 3.5  | 21236                                  | 20497 | 739   | 3.5  | 16268                                         | 15577 | 691   | 4.2  |
| TEXAS                       | 8042                                      | 7265  | 777   | 9.7  | 7820                                   | 6903  | 917   | 11.7 | 7947                                          | 6948  | 999   | 12.6 |
| VERNON                      | 10141                                     | 9799  | 342   | 3.4  | 10035                                  | 9617  | 418   | 4.2  | 9468                                          | 9063  | 405   | 4.3  |
| WARREN                      | 7699                                      | 7290  | 409   | 5.3  | 7515                                   | 6898  | 617   | 8.2  | 6467                                          | 6048  | 419   | 6.5  |
| WASHINGTON                  | 4797                                      | 3977  | 820   | 17.1 | 4631                                   | 3703  | 928   | 20.0 | 4572                                          | 3789  | 783   | 17.1 |
| WAYNE                       | 4565                                      | 4092  | 473   | 10.4 | 4679                                   | 4155  | 524   | 11.2 | 4258                                          | 3755  | 503   | 11.8 |
| WEBSTER                     | 9143                                      | 8314  | 829   | 9.1  | 9359                                   | 7672  | 1687  | 8.2  | 7748                                          | 7176  | 572   | 7.4  |
| WORTH                       | 1289                                      | 1269  | 20    | 1.6  | 1205                                   | 1151  | 54    | 4.5  | 1175                                          | 1123  | 52    | 4.4  |
| WRIGHT                      | 7912                                      | 7168  | 744   | 9.4  | 7257                                   | 6676  | 581   | 8.0  | 7569                                          | 6837  | 682   | 9.0  |

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**Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings  
Missouri (Statewide)  
September, 1985**

| Industry Title                          | All Employees  |              |              | Production Workers      |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                         | (In Thousands) |              |              | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|                                         | Curr.<br>Mo.   | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago | Curr.<br>Mo.            | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago | Curr.<br>Mo.         | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago | Curr.<br>Mo.            | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago |
| Total Non-Agri. Employment .....        | 2049.8         | 2031.3       | 2040.7       |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Total Manufacturing.....                | 430.1          | 428.5        | 435.0        | INA                     | INA          | 381.38       | INA                  | INA          | 40.4         | INA                     | INA          | 9.44         |
| Durable Goods .....                     | 246.5          | 244.4        | 250.2        | INA                     | INA          | 417.54       | INA                  | INA          | 41.2         | INA                     | INA          | 10.11        |
| Lumber & Wood Products.....             | 10.9           | 10.7         | 10.8         | 252.34                  | 244.37       | 240.34       | 40.7                 | 39.8         | 39.4         | 6.20                    | 6.14         | 6.10         |
| Furniture & Fixtures.....               | 11.1           | 11.2         | 10.8         | 316.52                  | 312.44       | 333.96       | 43.3                 | 42.8         | 44.0         | 7.31                    | 7.30         | 7.59         |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Prod. ....          | 10.6           | 10.7         | 11.2         | 420.03                  | 413.52       | 413.70       | 39.7                 | 39.8         | 40.4         | 10.58                   | 10.39        | 10.24        |
| Cement, Hydraulic .....                 | 1.0            | 1.0          | 0.8          | 555.61                  | 553.60       | 621.19       | 39.8                 | 40.0         | 42.9         | 13.96                   | 13.84        | 14.48        |
| Structural Clay Prod. ....              | 2.2            | 2.2          | 2.4          | 454.71                  | 445.44       | 457.20       | 38.5                 | 38.6         | 40.0         | 11.78                   | 11.54        | 11.43        |
| Primary Metal Industries .....          | 12.6           | 12.8         | 13.9         | 432.54                  | 431.58       | 415.94       | 40.5                 | 40.6         | 38.2         | 10.68                   | 10.63        | 10.86        |
| Iron & Steel Foundries.....             | 1.9            | 1.9          | 2.2          | 370.23                  | 372.26       | 344.40       | 41.0                 | 41.5         | 40.0         | 9.03                    | 8.97         | 8.61         |
| Nonferrous Foundries .....              | 3.1            | 3.1          | 3.0          | 316.79                  | 247.16       | 347.71       | 40.1                 | 44.0         | 42.3         | 7.90                    | 7.89         | 8.22         |
| Fabricated Metal Products.....          | 28.6           | 28.6         | 28.2         | 399.78                  | 400.03       | 378.10       | 41.6                 | 41.8         | 40.7         | 9.61                    | 9.57         | 9.29         |
| Fabricated Structural Metal Prod. ....  | 11.3           | 11.2         | 10.7         | 382.44                  | 386.23       | 356.00       | 41.3                 | 41.8         | 40.0         | 9.26                    | 9.24         | 8.90         |
| Machinery Exc. Electrical .....         | 31.9           | 31.7         | 32.1         | 406.62                  | 408.36       | 398.40       | 40.5                 | 41.0         | 40.0         | 10.40                   | 9.96         | 9.96         |
| Electrical & Electronic Equipment ..... | 51.7           | 52.3         | 51.4         | 387.19                  | 383.80       | 370.60       | 40.8                 | 40.7         | 41.5         | 9.49                    | 9.43         | 8.93         |
| Transportation Equipment .....          | 70.7           | 67.9         | 72.6         | INA                     | INA          | 575.49       | INA                  | INA          | 43.2         | INA                     | INA          | 13.09        |
| Motor Vehicles & Equip. ....            | 30.6           | 27.9         | 34.2         | 600.06                  | 532.84       | 586.49       | 42.8                 | 36.1         | 44.6         | 14.02                   | 14.76        | 13.15        |
| Instruments & Related Prod.....         | 11.4           | 11.5         | 11.8         | 295.11                  | 300.98       | 321.60       | 39.4                 | 40.4         | 40.2         | 7.49                    | 7.45         | 8.00         |
| Misc. Mfg. Inds. ....                   | 7.1            | 7.1          | 7.2          | 241.61                  | 239.20       | 263.84       | 37.0                 | 36.8         | 38.8         | 6.53                    | 6.50         | 6.80         |
| Nondurable Goods .....                  | 183.6          | 184.1        | 184.8        | 346.26                  | 337.74       | 335.23       | 39.8                 | 39.0         | 39.3         | 8.70                    | 8.66         | 8.53         |
| Food & Kindred Products .....           | 45.1           | 45.1         | 44.8         | 406.27                  | 393.82       | 396.73       | 42.1                 | 40.6         | 40.9         | 9.65                    | 9.70         | 9.70         |
| Meat Products & Preserved               |                |              |              |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Fruits & Vegetables.....                | 12.4           | 12.1         | 11.6         | 277.85                  | 261.80       | 277.38       | 40.8                 | 38.5         | 39.4         | 6.81                    | 6.80         | 7.04         |
| Dairy Products.....                     | 6.3            | 6.3          | 6.4          | 432.90                  | 393.33       | 396.35       | 44.4                 | 41.1         | 42.3         | 9.75                    | 9.57         | 9.37         |
| Grain Mill Products .....               | 7.1            | 7.1          | 7.0          | 480.15                  | 438.96       | 452.32       | 45.0                 | 42.7         | 44.0         | 10.67                   | 10.28        | 10.28        |
| Bakery Products .....                   | 5.2            | 5.3          | 5.5          | 369.74                  | 386.84       | 383.67       | 38.0                 | 38.8         | 37.8         | 9.73                    | 9.97         | 10.15        |
| Beverages .....                         | 10.2           | 10.3         | 10.1         | 608.47                  | 602.24       | 600.06       | 40.7                 | 40.5         | 41.1         | 14.95                   | 14.87        | 14.60        |

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| Industry Title                         | All Employees  |              |              | Production Workers      |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                        | (In Thousands) |              |              | Average Weekly Earnings |              |              | Average Weekly Hours |              |              | Average Hourly Earnings |              |              |
|                                        | Curr.<br>Mo.   | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago | Curr.<br>Mo.            | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago | Curr.<br>Mo.         | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago | Curr.<br>Mo.            | Prev.<br>Mo. | 1 Yr.<br>Ago |
| Other Food & Kindred .....             | 3.9            | 4.0          | 4.2          | 410.66                  | 442.51       | 400.44       | 44.3                 | 45.2         | 41.8         | 9.27                    | 9.79         | 9.58         |
| Textile & Apparel .....                | 24.1           | 24.4         | 25.8         | 202.95                  | 200.74       | 194.55       | 36.7                 | 36.3         | 36.5         | 5.53                    | 5.53         | 5.33         |
| Paper & Allied Products .....          | 13.4           | 13.6         | 13.0         | 387.73                  | 382.53       | 374.01       | 40.9                 | 41.0         | 41.1         | 9.48                    | 9.33         | 9.10         |
| Paperboard Cont. & Boxes .....         | 6.9            | 7.0          | 6.8          | 383.13                  | 378.39       | 375.55       | 40.5                 | 40.6         | 40.6         | 9.46                    | 9.32         | 9.25         |
| Printing & Publishing .....            | 39.9           | 40.1         | 39.9         | 388.44                  | 378.40       | 382.79       | 39.0                 | 38.3         | 39.1         | 9.96                    | 9.88         | 9.79         |
| Commercial Printing .....              | 12.8           | 12.7         | 12.7         | 442.90                  | 430.11       | 462.09       | 41.2                 | 40.5         | 42.2         | 10.75                   | 10.62        | 10.95        |
| Chemicals & Allied .....               | 29.8           | 29.8         | 28.9         | 466.58                  | 457.73       | 475.25       | 41.0                 | 40.4         | 42.7         | 11.38                   | 11.33        | 11.15        |
| Leather & Leather Products .....       | 17.9           | 17.9         | 19.0         | 202.91                  | 194.94       | 182.13       | 37.3                 | 36.1         | 34.3         | 5.44                    | 5.40         | 5.31         |
| Footwear Exc. Rubber .....             | 14.4           | 14.5         | 15.2         | 195.94                  | 188.48       | 175.54       | 36.9                 | 35.9         | 33.5         | 5.31                    | 5.25         | 5.24         |
| Total Nonmanufacturing .....           | IND            | IND          | 1605.8       |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Mining .....                           | 6.6            | 6.5          | 6.0          |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Construction .....                     | 86.7           | 88.0         | 88.3         |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Transportation & Public Util. ....     | 133.7          | 133.4        | 135.0        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Railroad Transportation .....          | 12.6           | 12.6         | 13.4         |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Transportation (Exc. R.R.) .....       | 68.9           | 68.3         | 69.5         |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Communications .....                   | 52.2           | 52.5         | 52.2         |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade .....         | 491.8          | 492.7        | 486.8        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Wholesale Trade .....                  | 130.0          | 130.3        | 131.6        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Retail Trade .....                     | 361.8          | 362.3        | 355.2        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate ..... | 116.0          | 117.2        | 114.3        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Services .....                         | 449.3          | 451.4        | 440.7        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Government .....                       | 335.7          | 313.7        | 334.7        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| Federal Government .....               | 70.0           | 70.1         | 68.8         |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |
| State & Local Government .....         | 265.6          | 243.6        | 265.8        |                         |              |              |                      |              |              |                         |              |              |

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had been suggested by earlier data. The nation's production of goods and services increased at a 3.3 percent annual rate in the third quarter, after the subpar rate of 1.1 percent experienced in the first half of the year.

The national unemployment rate edged up a tenth of a percentage point in September. This increase -- to 7.1 percent -- is not considered statistically significant. The September figure is still two-tenths of a percentage point below the 7.3 percent that had prevailed from February to July. Total employment increased by about 370,000 between August and September, on a seasonally adjusted basis, and has grown by 2.1 million over the past year. Although payroll employment has grown by 2.9 million

during the 12 months ended in September, there was little change between August and September. Gains in the nonmanufacturing industries offset manufacturing losses totalling 110,000.

### OUTLOOK

The recent upturn in the economy seems to suggest some additional strength for the rest of the year and reduces the possibility of a recession in the near future. Still, the second quarter's growth rate is probably not much more than sufficient to maintain employment at its present levels, so big changes in employment and unemployment should not be expected.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related  
To Manpower Developments  
Missouri — August, 1985

| Item                                        | Current Mo.<br>(Preliminary) | 1 Mo. Ago<br>(Revised) | 1Yr. Ago<br>(Revised) | Net Change To<br>Current Month From: |             |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|
|                                             |                              |                        |                       | 1 Mo. Ago                            | 1 Yr. Ago   |
| Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers) | 2,507,400                    | 2,500,800              | 2,396,400             | 6,600                                | 111,000     |
| Total Employed .....                        | 2,365,100                    | 2,343,200              | 2,249,500             | 21,900                               | 115,600     |
| Total Unemployed .....                      | 142,300                      | 157,600                | 147,000               | -15,300                              | -4,700      |
| Unemployment Rate (% of CLF) .....          | 5.7                          | 6.3                    | 6.1                   | -0.6                                 | -0.4        |
| Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment    |                              |                        |                       |                                      |             |
| Except Comestics (No. of Jobs) .....        | 2,049,800                    | 2,031,300              | 2,040,700             | 18,500                               | 9,100       |
| Manufacturing .....                         | 430,100                      | 428,500                | 435,000               | 1,600                                | -4,900      |
| Durable Goods .....                         | 246,500                      | 244,400                | 250,200               | 2,100                                | -3,700      |
| Nondurable Goods .....                      | 183,600                      | 184,100                | 184,800               | -500                                 | -1,200      |
| Nonmanufacturing .....                      | 1,619,800                    | 1,602,900              | 1,605,800             | 16,900                               | 14,000      |
| State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.) .....      | 6,471                        | 8,129                  | 5,676                 | -1,658                               | 795         |
| State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.) ...  | 35,829                       | 43,969                 | 32,172                | -8,140                               | 3,657       |
| Insured Unemployment Rate .....             | 1.9                          | 2.3                    | 1.9                   | -0.4                                 | 0.0         |
| Exhaustions (State U.I.) .....              | 3,716                        | 3,624                  | 2,823                 | -908                                 | -107        |
| Amount of Benefits Paid .....               | \$12,518,384                 | \$15,613,157           | \$10,160,269          | \$3,094,772                          | \$2,358,115 |
| State U.I. ....                             | 12,251,634                   | 15,298,268             | 2,915,859             | -3,046,634                           | 2,335,775   |
| UCFE .....                                  | 135,817                      | 158,022                | 121,755               | -22,205                              | 14,062      |
| UCX .....                                   | 130,933                      | 156,867                | 122,655               | -25,934                              | 8,278       |

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# Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami

counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

September, 1985

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The Kansas City Metropolitan Area's unemployment rate fell to 4.2 per cent in September 1985, the lowest level since 1979. The rate dropped 0.6 of a percentage point from the August rate of 4.8 per cent. The reopening of Area schools and the return to work of the automobile assemblers contributed to the drop in the rate and the number of jobless, which fell to 32,200 and an increase of 4,700 in the number of nonagricultural jobs which stood at 680,000. The completion of model retooling sent about 3,600 workers back to work in Transportation Equipment, while school reopening contributed another 4,100 school personnel and 600 school bus operators. Total unemployment fell by 5,100 from August's total of 37,300. Another factor contributing to the dip in the unemployment rate was the shrinking of the civilian labor force, as a result of the withdrawal of 10,700 Area workers, primarily students and summer workers. Despite the over-the-month loss in the labor force, over-the-year 25,900 additional workers entered the work force. Similarly civilian employment was up by 29,100 over-the-year. While civilian employment showed improvement over-the-year, over-the-month cutbacks in communications equipment manufacturing, steel production and Retail Trade and normal seasonal losses in Construction and Services sent civilian employment down by 5,600.

Wage and salaried employment in September 1985 was 680,000, up by 4,700 from the August 1985 total of 675,300. Only five industries showed net job gains over-the-month. State and Local Government sustained the largest job growth with 4,100 jobs. State and local schools gained over 5,000 jobs, but losses of 1,000 in municipal government offset overall growth. An increase of 800 school bus operators contributed to the net gain in Transportation, Communications and Utilities of 600 jobs. The completion of model retooling in the Area's auto assembly plant led to Transportation Equipment regaining 3,600 jobs. Fabricated Metals made a small gain, while Federal Government began rehiring after five consecutive months of declining.

Most job losses over-the-month occurred in the Non-manufacturing sector. The Services industries recorded 1,300 jobs lost, concentrated primarily in amusement and recreation, which lost nearly 1,000 jobs, and health which lost 200. The Construction industry posted its second loss of 1985 since January with 700 fewer jobs. Wholesale Trade remained stable over-the-month, while Retail Trade, despite expectations of increased back-to-school sales, recorded a loss of 400 jobs. Scattered losses in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate resulted in 300 fewer jobs over-the-month in that industry. The most significant loss in the Manufacturing sector occurred in Electrical Equipment. Reported cutbacks

in Communications Equipment contributed the bulk of loss of 600 jobs. Printing and Publishing recorded its usual loss of 300 jobs, while minor losses were posted in Primary Metals and Paper.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 5,200 jobs from September 1984 to September 1985. Durable Goods Manufacturing showed no net change over-the-year, Non-durable Goods Manufacturing gained 600 jobs, while Non-manufacturing gained 4,600 jobs. Held down by smaller than usual gains in most sectors and larger than usual declines in several sectors, the Area's employment recorded its smallest year-ago advance in September 1985. Within Nonmanufacturing, Services had the largest year ago increase, with 2,300 more jobs, primarily in business, health and recreation services. The gain, however, fell far short of the average gain of Service workers, which had been running 3,000 more in 1985 than in 1984. State and Local Government employment was higher by 1,500 jobs, somewhat higher than the average gain during the first two quarters of the year, but because of district wide staffing changes was lower than the levels during the summer months. Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, primarily commercial banks and other credit agencies, also showed higher levels over-the-year with 700 more jobs, but, again was slightly lower than the average increase of 1985 over 1984 levels. The over-the-month loss in Construction sent construction, with only 700 additional jobs, well below its average 12-month gain of 2,300. Likewise, Electrical Equipment's losses over-the-month, brought its gain over-the-year to only 100 jobs. Other industries with over-the-year gains in September less than the average of the previous months were Wholesale Trade with 300 jobs and Transportation, Communications and Utilities with 100 jobs. Other notable gains over the 12 months were recorded in Federal Government with 600 more jobs, Chemicals with 600, Fabricated Metals with 700, Electrical with 100 and Food and Kindred with 300 jobs.

Six industries posted lower levels in September 1985 compared to September 1984. Retail Trade still suffering sluggish sales, slumped to 1,700 fewer jobs, scattered among eating and drinking, apparel and several other industries. Steel production accounted for Primary Metals industry dipping under 1984 levels for the fifth consecutive month to 500 jobs. Similarly, Machinery continued to hover below 1984 levels, with 300 fewer jobs. Three other industries, Apparel, Paper and Printing and Publishing were slightly lower in September 1985 than September 1984.

of the labor force.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 32,200 in September 1985, for 4.2 per cent of the labor

force, compared to 37,300 in August 1985, for 4.8 per cent of the labor force and 36,400 in September 1984 for 4.8 per cent of the labor force.

### **Employment and Unemployment Forecast**

The Area's unemployment rate is expected to show little change in October 1985. As the first month of the last quarter of 1985 begins, the Area's unemployment situation will hold fairly steady. State and Local Government will show minor increases as school staffing attains normal levels. The relatively mild weather prevailing in October may temporarily postpone additional large cutbacks in Construction. Likewise, World Series playoffs and final games being held in the Area will offset to some extent the expected losses in Services as summer recreation activities wind down. Retail and Wholesale Trade sector as well as Manufacturing are expected to show little change. Unemployment is expected to be 4.3 per cent of the labor force in October 1985, compared to 4.2 per cent in September 1985 and 5.0 per cent in October 1984.

No major changes in the Area's labor market are expected in November 1985. The unemployment rate will be relatively stable as seasonal losses in Construction and Services are offset by increases in Retail Trade, as area merchants begin hiring for the holiday season sales. Unemployment is expected to be 4.3 per cent of the labor force in November 1985, compared to 5.0 per cent of the labor force in November 1984.

### **Kansas City Area-Missouri Job Service Statistics**

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 33,426

applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of September 1985. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

| General Characteristics          | Per Cent |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Age: Under 22                    | 16.4     |
| 22-44                            | 67.9     |
| 45 and over                      | 15.7     |
| Sex: Male                        | 58.0     |
| Female                           | 42.5     |
| Racial or Ethnic Group           |          |
| Black                            | 33.4     |
| Other Non-White                  | 1.2      |
| Hispanic                         | 2.1      |
| Miscellaneous Characteristics    | Per Cent |
| Unemployment Insurance Claimants | 41.1     |
| Veterans                         | 22.0     |
| Handicapped                      | 2.5      |

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated September 30, 1985.

### **Job Placements**

During September 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,994 and job placements totaled 2,758. There were 1,518 veteran referrals in September 1985, with 282 veteran placements. During August 1985, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 9,152 and job placements totaled 2,628. There were 1,578 veteran referrals in August 1985, with 317 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated September 30, 1985.

### **Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only) September 1985**

#### **Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex**

| Age         | Male<br>Per Cent | Female<br>Per Cent | Total<br>Per Cent |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Under 25    | 15.3             | 16.9               | 16.0              |
| 25-34       | 40.8             | 35.7               | 38.3              |
| 35-44       | 23.2             | 23.5               | 23.3              |
| 45-54       | 12.0             | 13.6               | 12.8              |
| 55-64       | 7.6              | 8.7                | 8.1               |
| 65 and over | 1.1              | 1.5                | 1.6               |
| Unreported  | 0.0              | 0.1                | 0.0               |

#### **Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)**

| Industry                                   | Per Cent |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Agricultural                               | 0.3      |
| Mining                                     | 0.3      |
| Construction                               | 7.2      |
| Manufacturing                              | 27.2     |
| Transportation, Communications & Utilities | 8.0      |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade                   | 19.8     |

|                                           |      |
|-------------------------------------------|------|
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Services | 4.0  |
| All Other                                 | 29.6 |
| Information not available                 | 3.6  |
|                                           | 0.0  |

#### **Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)**

| Occupation                           | Per Cent |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Professional, Technical & Managerial | 13.6     |
| Clerical                             | 20.5     |
| Sales                                | 4.5      |
| Services                             | 13.1     |
| Farming, Forestry & Fishing          | 0.4      |
| Processing                           | 1.8      |
| Machine Trades                       | 6.6      |
| Benchwork                            | 7.2      |
| Structural Work                      | 7.6      |
| Miscellaneous                        | 13.5     |
| Information not available            | 11.2     |

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 5,525; 2,955 were male and 2,551 were female.

**Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment**  
(Place of Work)  
(Benchmark — March 1984)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas

Month and Year of Current: September, 1985

| Item                                                   | Number of Jobs |           |           | Net Change To<br>Current Month From: |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                        | Current Mo.    | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | 1 Mo. Ago                            | 1 Yr. Ago |
| I                                                      | II             | III       | IV        | V                                    | VI        |
| Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment ..... | 680,000        | 675,300   | 674,800   | +4,700                               | +5,200    |
| Total Manufacturing .....                              | 120,900        | 118,400   | 120,300   | +2,500                               | +600      |
| Durable Goods .....                                    | 68,300         | 65,400    | 68,300    | +2,900                               | 0         |
| Lumber & Furniture .....                               | 3,500          | 3,500     | 3,400     | 0                                    | +100      |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products .....                     | 3,900          | 3,900     | 3,900     | 0                                    | 0         |
| Primary Metal Industries .....                         | 3,500          | 3,700     | 4,000     | -200                                 | -500      |
| Fabricated Metal Products .....                        | 10,000         | 9,900     | 9,300     | +100                                 | +700      |
| Machinery Except Electrical .....                      | 7,800          | 7,800     | 8,100     | 0                                    | -300      |
| Electrical Equipment & Supplies .....                  | 20,900         | 21,500    | 20,800    | -600                                 | +100      |
| Transportation Equipment .....                         | 15,000         | 11,400    | 15,000    | +3,600                               | 0         |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment .....                       | (14,800)       | (11,200)  | (14,800)  | (+3,600)                             | (0)       |
| Other Durable Goods .....                              | 3,700          | 3,700     | 3,800     | 0                                    | -100      |
| Nondurable Goods .....                                 | 52,600         | 53,000    | 52,000    | -400                                 | +600      |
| Food & Kindred Products .....                          | 10,100         | 10,100    | 9,800     | 0                                    | +300      |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products .....                 | 2,600          | 2,600     | 2,700     | 0                                    | -100      |
| Paper & Allied Products .....                          | 5,400          | 5,500     | 5,500     | -100                                 | -100      |
| Printing & Publishing .....                            | 19,800         | 20,100    | 20,000    | -300                                 | -200      |
| Chemicals & Allied Products .....                      | 9,000          | 9,000     | 8,400     | 0                                    | +600      |
| Petroleum & Coal Products .....                        | 600            | 600       | 600       | 0                                    | 0         |
| Other Nondurable Goods .....                           | 5,100          | 5,100     | 5,000     | 0                                    | +100      |
| Total Nonmanufacturing .....                           | 559,100        | 556,900   | 554,500   | +2,200                               | +4,600    |
| Mining & Quarrying .....                               | 800            | 800       | 700       | 0                                    | +100      |
| Construction .....                                     | 30,500         | 31,200    | 29,800    | -700                                 | +700      |
| Transportation, Comm. & Utilities .....                | 52,000         | 51,400    | 51,900    | +600                                 | +100      |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade .....                         | 171,000        | 171,400   | 172,400   | -400                                 | -1,400    |
| Wholesale Trade .....                                  | (53,700)       | (53,700)  | (53,400)  | (0)                                  | (+300)    |
| Retail Trade .....                                     | (117,300)      | (117,700) | (119,000) | (-400)                               | (-1,700)  |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate .....                 | 50,300         | 50,600    | 49,600    | -300                                 | +700      |
| Services .....                                         | 151,500        | 152,800   | 149,200   | -1,300                               | +2,300    |
| Government .....                                       | 103,000        | 98,700    | 100,900   | +4,300                               | +2,100    |
| Federal Government .....                               | (28,600)       | (28,400)  | (28,000)  | (+200)                               | (+600)    |
| State & Local Government .....                         | (74,400)       | (70,300)  | (72,900)  | (+4,100)                             | (+1,500)  |
| In Labor-Management Disputes .....                     | 500            | 300       | 100       | +200                                 | +400      |

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**Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing**

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas

Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1985

| Industry                           | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    | Current Month           | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month        | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month           | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Manufacturing .....          | \$443.90                | \$428.13  | \$437.78  | 40.8                 | 40.2      | 41.3      | \$10.88                 | \$10.65   | \$10.60   |
| Durable Goods .....                | 474.91                  | 450.20    | 467.10    | 40.8                 | 39.7      | 41.3      | 11.64                   | 11.34     | 11.31     |
| Lumber & Furniture .....           | 319.35                  | 323.33    | 330.38    | 41.1                 | 41.4      | 41.4      | 7.77                    | 7.81      | 7.98      |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products ..... | 525.62                  | 509.27    | 474.02    | 41.0                 | 40.1      | 39.7      | 12.82                   | 12.70     | 11.94     |
| Primary Metal Industries .....     | 438.34                  | 424.36    | 455.92    | 40.4                 | 38.3      | 41.0      | 10.85                   | 11.08     | 11.12     |
| Fabricated Metal Products .....    | 396.33                  | 396.48    | 368.80    | 41.5                 | 41.3      | 40.0      | 9.55                    | 9.60      | 9.22      |
| Machinery Exc. Electrical .....    | 402.99                  | 411.46    | 422.00    | 39.9                 | 40.3      | 40.0      | 10.10                   | 10.21     | 10.55     |
| Electrical Equip. & Supplies ..... | 471.42                  | 461.22    | 467.68    | 40.5                 | 40.6      | 42.8      | 11.64                   | 11.36     | 11.03     |
| Transportation Equipment .....     | 613.18                  | 560.35    | 603.08    | 41.6                 | 36.6      | 42.5      | 14.74                   | 15.31     | 14.19     |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment .....   | (616.10)                | (565.10)  | (603.08)  | (41.6)               | (36.6)    | (42.5)    | (14.81)                 | (15.44)   | (14.19)   |
| Other Durable Goods .....          | 258.37                  | 269.43    | 242.08    | 36.7                 | 38.6      | 37.3      | 7.04                    | 6.98      | 6.49      |
| Nondurable Goods .....             | 391.13                  | 394.01    | 387.39    | 40.7                 | 41.0      | 41.3      | 9.61                    | 9.61      | 9.38      |
| Food & Kindred Products .....      | 420.16                  | 424.58    | 411.52    | 42.1                 | 42.8      | 42.6      | 9.98                    | 9.92      | 9.66      |
| Apparel & Other Textile Prod. .... | 195.05                  | 189.72    | 203.50    | 35.4                 | 34.0      | 36.6      | 5.51                    | 5.58      | 5.56      |
| *Paper & Allied Products .....     | 377.29                  | 375.15    | 380.64    | 40.7                 | 41.0      | 42.2      | 9.27                    | 9.15      | 9.02      |
| Printing & Publishing .....        | 403.22                  | 408.28    | 413.26    | 39.3                 | 39.6      | 38.3      | 10.26                   | 10.31     | 10.79     |
| Chemicals & Allied Products .....  | 502.43                  | 512.82    | 485.00    | 43.5                 | 44.4      | 45.2      | 11.55                   | 11.55     | 10.73     |
| Petroleum & Coal Products .....    | 401.30                  | 406.85    | 410.89    | 40.7                 | 41.6      | 41.8      | 9.86                    | 9.78      | 9.83      |
| Other Nondurable Goods .....       | 293.85                  | 390.16    | 280.73    | 40.7                 | 40.3      | 41.7      | 7.22                    | 7.20      | 6.70      |

\* This series excludes industry 2771.

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## St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey

Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

September, 1985

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### Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 7.6% in August to 6.9% in September. Total employment decreased by 700 and the number of unemployed residents declined by 10,000. This month's unemployment rate decline was mainly caused by the return to work of auto assembly workers on model change-over layoff during August. Other labor force movements, such as students exiting the labor force to return to school and nonteaching school personnel returning to work, were mostly seasonal. Over the year, unemployment declined by 3500 while total employment rose by 31,700. The unemployment rate in September, 1984 was 7.3%. During the past 12 months, manufacturing employment increases continued to be concentrated in motor vehicle and aircraft. Many manufacturing industries are reporting lower employment levels

and more layoffs are planned for the remainder of the year. There were 700 labor disputants in September, 900 in August, and 200 in September, 1984.

### Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment rose by 6400 workers over the month. About 7000 auto assembly workers returned to work after an August model change-over layoff. All area auto plants are now employing 2 shifts of workers. The food industry, down 700, was affected by a strike in the bakery sector. All other industries register little or no change. Over the year, manufacturing has increased by 500. Lumber, motor vehicles, and aircraft recorded significant gains. Primary metals, down 1400, lost more jobs than any other manufacturing industry.

## Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment increased 5800 over the month. Service and government employment levels increased seasonally as schools, private and public, reopened and nonteaching school workers returned to their jobs. Nonrailroad transportation rose 1500 as employees of private school bus companies returned to work and a labor dispute involving auto transport workers was settled. Trade declined 1300 as students holding summer jobs in this industry returned to school. Over the year, nonmanufacturing has added 11200 workers. Significant gains continue to be registered by trade, finance, service, and federal government but some small decreases have begun to be reported by other sectors. Construction employment declined due to the completion of some major projects, railroads continued to register fewer jobs, and health care workers were laid off in local government.

## Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were down 6300 in September from August. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were down 5100 and in the Illinois portion they were down 1200.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

| Industry               | Jun.  | Jul.  | Aug.  | Sept. |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| INA                    | 4     | 3     | 9     | 2     |
| Agriculture            | 28    | 27    | 22    | 24    |
| Mining                 | 19    | 28    | 27    | 15    |
| Constructin            | 1471  | 1014  | 919   | 949   |
| Manufacturing Total    | 4654  | 3456  | 5869  | 3434  |
| Food                   | 336   | 313   | 290   | 356   |
| Textile                | 18    | 23    | 22    | 17    |
| Apparel                | 212   | 215   | 184   | 216   |
| Lumber                 | 31    | 35    | 23    | 20    |
| Furniture              | 90    | 97    | 120   | 98    |
| Paper                  | 107   | 84    | 85    | 98    |
| Printing               | 171   | 179   | 131   | 128   |
| Chemicals              | 215   | 218   | 277   | 274   |
| Petroleum              | 16    | 15    | 12    | 21    |
| Rubber                 | 138   | 120   | 123   | 108   |
| Leather                | 330   | 297   | 234   | 224   |
| Stone                  | 78    | 49    | 44    | 52    |
| Primary Metal          | 182   | 151   | 137   | 129   |
| Fabricated Metal       | 449   | 431   | 403   | 414   |
| Machinery              | 107   | 95    | 90    | 93    |
| Electrtical Machinery  | 369   | 220   | 276   | 252   |
| Transportation Equip.  | 1107  | 333   | 2844  | 393   |
| Instruments            | 25    | 11    | 17    | 16    |
| Miscellaneous          | 670   | 564   | 554   | 524   |
| Public Utilities       | 862   | 950   | 923   | 627   |
| Wholesale & Retail Tr. | 2172  | 2164  | 2051  | 1904  |
| Finance                | 310   | 358   | 321   | 307   |
| Services               | 5262  | 5788  | 5282  | 5091  |
| All Other              | 217   | 259   | 251   | 277   |
| TOTAL                  | 14999 | 14047 | 15674 | 12630 |

Of the 12,630 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in September, 1985, 55.3 percent were male and 44.7 percent were female.

## Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)

| Occupation          | Jun.  | Jul.  | Aug.  | Sept. |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Prof., Tech. & Mgr. | 1509  | 1928  | 1842  | 1720  |
| Clerical            | 2250  | 2337  | 2209  | 2282  |
| Sales               | 615   | 618   | 551   | 547   |
| Farm, Fish & Forest | 77    | 76    | 70    | 73    |
| Processing          | 272   | 255   | 219   | 242   |
| Machine Trades      | 1206  | 1030  | 1009  | 968   |
| Bench Work          | 860   | 819   | 755   | 752   |
| Structural Work     | 1474  | 1247  | 1580  | 1186  |
| Misc. Work          | 1822  | 1795  | 1729  | 1538  |
| Domestic            | 29    | 38    | 40    | 38    |
| Other Services      | 2193  | 2249  | 2049  | 1862  |
| INA                 | 2611  | 1655  | 3621  | 1422  |
| TOTAL               | 14999 | 14047 | 15674 | 12630 |

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

|                  | Female | Vets | -22  | Min. | HDCP |
|------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|
| Apps. in file, % | 42.1   | 18.0 | 18.2 | 39.8 | 2.2  |
| Placements, %    | 40.6   | 14.3 | 33.5 | 45.9 | 2.4  |

## Available Job Oppportunities

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

| Occupational Group                   | Openings Received Percent | Openings Filled Percent |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Professional, Technical & Managerial | 3.1                       | 1.3                     |
| Clerical                             | 14.9                      | 11.7                    |
| Sales                                | 12.8                      | 15.3                    |
| Processing                           | 1.4                       | 2.0                     |
| Machine Trades                       | 4.4                       | 3.8                     |
| Bench Work                           | 4.0                       | 5.7                     |
| Structural Work                      | 15.2                      | 20.0                    |
| Motor Freight & Trans.               | 3.9                       | 2.8                     |
| Packaging & Material Handling        | 8.9                       | 12.4                    |
| Domestic                             | 0.7                       | 0.7                     |
| Other Services                       | 29.3                      | 23.1                    |
| Other Occupations                    | 1.4                       | 1.2                     |

## Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in October, 1985 is expected to be 6.9% and in November, 7.0%.

**Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment**  
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area

Month and Year of Current: September, 1985

| Item                                                   | Number of Jobs |           |           | Net Change To<br>Current Month From: |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                        | Current Mo.    | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | 1 Mo. Ago                            | 1 Yr. Ago |
| I                                                      | II             | III       | IV        | V                                    | VI        |
| Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total .....             | 1,065,900      | 1,053,700 | 1,054,200 | +12,200                              | +11,700   |
| Percent Change .....                                   |                |           |           | +(1.2)                               | +(1.1)    |
| Manufacturing .....                                    | 229,700        | 223,300   | 229,200   | +6,400                               | +500      |
| Durable Goods .....                                    | 147,400        | 140,200   | 143,900   | +7,200                               | +3,500    |
| Lumber & Furniture .....                               | 5,400          | 5,400     | 4,600     | 0                                    | +800      |
| Stone, Clay & Glass .....                              | 3,600          | 3,600     | 3,800     | 0                                    | -200      |
| Primary Metal Industries .....                         | 14,300         | 14,500    | 15,700    | -200                                 | -1,400    |
| Fabricated Metal Products .....                        | 17,300         | 17,200    | 17,600    | +100                                 | -300      |
| Machinery, Except Electrical .....                     | 18,800         | 18,700    | 18,600    | +100                                 | +200      |
| Electrical & Electronic Equip. ....                    | 15,300         | 15,200    | 15,000    | +100                                 | +300      |
| Transportation Equipment .....                         | 59,400         | 52,300    | 55,400    | +7,100                               | +4,000    |
| Motor Vehicles .....                                   | 21,700         | 14,600    | 19,100    | +7,100                               | +1,600    |
| Aircraft & Parts .....                                 | 37,000         | 37,000    | 35,400    | 0                                    | +1,600    |
| Instruments & Misc. Mfg. ....                          | 13,300         | 13,300    | 13,200    | 0                                    | +100      |
| Nondurable Goods .....                                 | 82,300         | 83,100    | 85,300    | -800                                 | -3,000    |
| Food & Kindred Products .....                          | 20,900         | 21,600    | 21,800    | -700                                 | -900      |
| Meat Products .....                                    | 1,400          | 1,400     | 1,400     | 0                                    | 0         |
| Beverages .....                                        | 8,500          | 8,600     | 8,600     | -100                                 | -100      |
| Textiles & Apparel .....                               | 6,500          | 6,700     | 6,900     | -200                                 | -400      |
| Paper & Paper Products .....                           | 5,700          | 5,700     | 5,900     | 0                                    | -200      |
| Printing & Publishing .....                            | 16,500         | 16,500    | 16,700    | 0                                    | -200      |
| Chemical & Allied Products .....                       | 20,700         | 20,600    | 20,600    | +100                                 | +100      |
| Petroleum & Coal Products .....                        | 2,500          | 2,500     | 2,400     | 0                                    | +100      |
| Leather & Leather Products .....                       | 4,500          | 4,500     | 5,300     | 0                                    | -800      |
| Other Nondurable Goods .....                           | 5,000          | 5,000     | 5,700     | 0                                    | -700      |
| Nonmanufacturing .....                                 | 836,200        | 830,400   | 825,000   | +5,800                               | +11,200   |
| Mining .....                                           | 3,700          | 3,700     | 3,800     | 0                                    | -100      |
| Construction .....                                     | 52,200         | 52,300    | 54,000    | -100                                 | -1,800    |
| Transportation & Public Utilities .....                | 73,200         | 72,800    | 74,400    | +1,500                               | -100      |
| Railroads .....                                        | 7,000          | 7,000     | 7,600     | 0                                    | -600      |
| Transportation, Except Railroads .....                 | 39,600         | 38,100    | 39,700    | +1,500                               | -100      |
| Communications & Public Utilities .....                | 27,700         | 27,700    | 27,100    | 0                                    | +600      |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade .....                         | 251,400        | 252,700   | 247,500   | -1,300                               | +3,000    |
| Wholesale Trade .....                                  | 64,500         | 65,000    | 65,100    | -500                                 | -600      |
| Retail Trade .....                                     | 186,900        | 187,700   | 182,400   | -800                                 | +4,500    |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate .....                 | 64,700         | 65,000    | 62,800    | -300                                 | +1,900    |
| Service, Except Domestic .....                         | 255,400        | 254,900   | 247,600   | +500                                 | +7,800    |
| Total Government .....                                 | 134,500        | 129,000   | 134,900   | +5,500                               | -400      |
| Total Federal Government .....                         | 38,700         | 38,900    | 37,700    | -200                                 | +1,000    |
| Total State & Local Government .....                   | 95,800         | 90,100    | 97,200    | +5,700                               | -1,400    |
| Persons Involved in Labor-Management<br>Disputes ..... | 700            | 900       | 200       | -200                                 | +500      |

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**Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers  
in Manufacturing**

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area

Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1985

| Industry                           | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                                    | Current Month           | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month        | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month           | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Manufacturing .....          | INA                     | INA       | \$440.36  | INA                  | INA       | 40.4      | INA                     | INA       | \$10.90   |
| Durable Goods .....                | INA                     | INA       | 454.72    | INA                  | INA       | 40.6      | INA                     | INA       | 11.20     |
| Lumber & Furniture .....           | 343.94                  | 356.58    | 353.96    | 40.8                 | 42.0      | 42.8      | 8.43                    | 8.49      | 8.27      |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products ..... | 424.27                  | 398.52    | 396.93    | 40.6                 | 36.9      | 39.3      | 10.45                   | 10.80     | 10.10     |
| Primary Metal Industries .....     | 483.20                  | 486.34    | 429.41    | 40.3                 | 40.8      | 37.9      | 11.99                   | 11.92     | 11.33     |
| Fabricated Metal Products .....    | 437.44                  | 437.84    | 407.25    | 41.9                 | 42.1      | 39.5      | 10.44                   | 10.40     | 10.31     |
| Machinery, Exc. Electrical .....   | 431.34                  | 426.21    | 444.29    | 39.5                 | 39.5      | 40.5      | 10.92                   | 10.79     | 10.97     |
| Elect & Electronic Equip. ....     | 315.20                  | 312.00    | 300.80    | 39.4                 | 39.0      | 37.6      | 8.00                    | 8.00      | 8.00      |
| Transportation Equipment .....     | INA                     | INA       | 591.30    | INA                  | INA       | 43.8      | INA                     | INA       | 13.50     |
| Instruments & Misc. Mfg. ....      | 300.63                  | 299.51    | 274.16    | 38.2                 | 38.3      | 37.2      | 7.87                    | 7.82      | 7.37      |
| Nondurable Goods .....             | 421.34                  | 419.63    | 414.16    | 39.9                 | 39.7      | 39.9      | 10.56                   | 10.57     | 10.38     |
| Food & Kindred Products .....      | 496.92                  | 494.08    | 522.49    | 40.4                 | 40.3      | 41.5      | 12.30                   | 12.26     | 12.59     |
| Textiles & Apparel .....           | 213.84                  | 210.28    | 202.40    | 35.7                 | 35.4      | 35.2      | 5.99                    | 5.94      | 5.75      |
| Paper & Paper Products .....       | 442.90                  | 454.74    | 429.70    | 43.0                 | 42.9      | 41.8      | 10.30                   | 10.60     | 10.28     |
| Printing & Publishing .....        | 409.34                  | 403.37    | 410.22    | 38.8                 | 38.6      | 38.7      | 10.55                   | 10.45     | 10.60     |
| Chemicals & Allied Prods. ....     | 492.61                  | 494.08    | 467.58    | 41.5                 | 41.8      | 41.6      | 11.87                   | 11.82     | 11.24     |
| Petroleum & Coal Products .....    | 613.87                  | 629.26    | 590.10    | 42.6                 | 43.1      | 42.0      | 14.41                   | 14.60     | 14.05     |
| Leather & Leather Products .....   | 205.82                  | 191.64    | 198.92    | 36.3                 | 34.1      | 36.3      | 5.67                    | 5.62      | 5.48      |
| Other Nondurable Goods .....       | 325.21                  | 309.68    | 308.00    | 40.6                 | 39.3      | 40.0      | 8.01                    | 7.88      | 7.70      |

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# Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

September, 1985

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## Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded by 1,100 from August to reach 121,400 in September. This change reflects an increase of 1,200 in employment and a reduction of 100 in unemployment. The number of unemployed persons dropped from 5,600 in August to 5,500 in September. The rate of unemployment fell from 4.7 percent to 4.5 percent during the 30 days. In September 1984, there were 5,700 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment stood at 4.8 percent of the labor force.

## Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment rose from 94,800 in August to 97,600 in September. This jump mostly reflects normal seasonal changes such as the 2,200 job increase in state and local government brought about by the opening of school for the fall term. There were also seasonal employment

increases in trade and services of 200 and 300 respectively. In the manufacturing sector, small scattered gains accumulated to raise the total number of manufacturing jobs in the MSA by 100.

Since September 1984, payrolled employment shows an overall increase of 500. This is the net result of a 1,200 reduction in manufacturing jobs. Nonmanufacturing industries recording significant changes in employment levels since one year ago include: construction, up 600; transportation and utilities, down 500; trade, up 400; and services up 1,000.

## Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose six cents from August to reach \$8.87 in September. This increase resulted mostly from cost of living wage rate increases and an increase in the proportion of higher paid workers. Average weekly hours worked rose from 38.4 in August to 39.4 in September.

**Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment**  
(Place of Work)  
(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri

Month and Year of Current: September, 1985

| Item                                                            | Number of Jobs |           |           | Net Change To<br>Current Month From: |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
|                                                                 | Current Mo.    | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | 1 Mo. Ago                            | 1 Yr. Ago |
| I                                                               | II             | III       | IV        | V                                    | VI        |
| Total Nonag. Wage & Salary,<br>Employment (Exc. Domestic) ..... | 97,600         | 94,800    | 97,100    | +2,800                               | +500      |
| Manufacturing .....                                             | 18,900         | 18,800    | 20,100    | +100                                 | -1,200    |
| Durable Goods .....                                             | 9,700          | 9,600     | 10,600    | +100                                 | -900      |
| Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.) .....                                | 1,000          | 1,000     | 900       | 0                                    | +100      |
| Other Durable Goods .....                                       | 8,700          | 8,600     | 9,700     | +100                                 | -1,000    |
| Nondurable Goods .....                                          | 9,200          | 9,200     | 9,500     | 0                                    | -300      |
| Food Processing .....                                           | 3,800          | 3,800     | 3,900     | 0                                    | -100      |
| Printing & Publishing .....                                     | 1,600          | 1,600     | 1,600     | 0                                    | 0         |
| Other Nondurable Goods .....                                    | 3,800          | 3,800     | 4,000     | 0                                    | -200      |
| Nonmanufacturing .....                                          | 78,700         | 76,000    | 77,000    | +2,700                               | +1,700    |
| Mining .....                                                    | 100            | 100       | 100       | 0                                    | 0         |
| Construction .....                                              | 4,300          | 4,300     | 3,700     | 0                                    | +600      |
| Transportation & Utilities .....                                | 5,900          | 5,900     | 6,400     | 0                                    | -500      |
| Trade .....                                                     | 27,300         | 27,100    | 26,900    | +200                                 | +400      |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate .....                          | 4,400          | 4,400     | 4,300     | 0                                    | +100      |
| Services .....                                                  | 24,100         | 23,800    | 23,100    | +300                                 | +1,000    |
| Government .....                                                | 12,600         | 10,400    | 12,500    | +2,200                               | +100      |
| Federal .....                                                   | 1,700          | 1,700     | 1,700     | 0                                    | 0         |
| State and Local .....                                           | 10,900         | 8,700     | 10,800    | +2,200                               | +100      |
| Persons Involved in Labor-Management<br>Disputes .....          | 0              | 0         | 0         | 0                                    | 0         |

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## Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Very little change in payroll employment is expected during October. Construction will continue strong during the balance of 1985 weather permitting. Trade employment

could inch up slightly with a more substantial jump in November when the holiday buying season comes into focus.

The rate of unemployment is expected to remain near the current level during October.

**Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries**

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri

Month and Year of Current Data: September, 1985

| Industry                      | Average Weekly Earnings |           |           | Average Weekly Hours |           |           | Average Hourly Earnings |           |           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                               | Current Month           | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month        | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago | Current Month           | 1 Mo. Ago | 1 Yr. Ago |
| Total Manufacturing .....     | \$349.48                | \$338.30  | \$342.37  | 39.4                 | 38.4      | 41.6      | \$8.87                  | \$8.81    | \$8.23    |
| Durable Goods .....           | 339.83                  | 328.04    | 347.69    | 39.7                 | 38.1      | 43.9      | 8.56                    | 8.61      | 7.92      |
| Nondurable Goods .....        | 362.31                  | 350.24    | 335.01    | 39.0                 | 38.7      | 38.2      | 9.29                    | 9.05      | 8.77      |
| Food & Kindred Products ..... | 400.08                  | 382.80    | 368.04    | 40.7                 | 40.0      | 40.4      | 9.83                    | 9.57      | 9.11      |
| Other Nondurable Goods .....  | 342.14                  | 333.26    | 317.09    | 38.1                 | 38.0      | 37.0      | 8.98                    | 8.77      | 8.57      |

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